

## **RECOMMENDED DEFINITIONS OF TEAMS**

In the **APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT** there is a column entitled "Type(s) of Team Accepted". This designation is intended to identify the playing level of the teams that will be accepted to that tournament. All tournaments sanctioned by Massachusetts Youth Soccer must use the US Youth Soccer team definitions in order to ensure consistency in how the terms are applied. In addition, the code depicting playing level is intended to ensure that no team is mismatched for the tournament in question. Questions about the applicability of your team to the codes and descriptions provided must be directed to the Tournament Director of the tournament you are considering not to Mass Youth Soccer. In addition, Coaches or Team Managers are encouraged to check the "Type(s) of Teams Accepted" column in the Application to Host a Tournament form when considering out-of-state tournaments.

The following descriptions correspond to the "Type(s) of Team Accepted" code that appears on the **APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT**. If more than one code letter appears in the listing, it means that the tournament will accept teams representing all identified categories.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS AND TEAMS**

### **TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS**

**UT** Unrestricted Tournament: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

**RT** Restricted Tournament: A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.

### **TYPES OF TEAMS**

**SELECT TEAMS** (teams formed by a selection or tryout process):

**S1** generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region

**S2** generally a team which competes at other than the highest level of play in a state or region

**S3** generally a team which competes in a local area or state

### **TOURNAMENT SELECT TEAMS**

**S4** a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

### **RECREATIONAL TEAMS**

**RT** a team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

### **US YOUTH SOCCER ODP TEAMS**

**ODP TEAM:** the official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member,

or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof.

**NATIONALTEAMS**

**NATIONAL TEAM:** the official national team of US Soccer or any other member of FIFA.